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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cover Section, DPD

SUBJECT: Details of TACKLE Release Policy

REFERENCE: Memorandum for the Record from Asst. Cover Officer; dated 16 February 1961; subject as above (IDEA 0179)

I. The following points are presented for consideration regarding details of statements or releases to be made regarding press or opposition reaction to TACKLE operations:

a. Reference Paragraph III. C. 1.

I believe that it should be specifically stated to the commanders of the military organizations cited that releases or statements can be made by the commander or the PIO officer only.

b. Reference Paragraph IV. A.

I believe reference to knowledge of the number of aircraft involved should be deleted as it may indicate a greater degree of detailed knowledge on the part of the military than we would desire.

c. Reference Paragraph IV. C.

This sentence should be deleted entirely as it will indicate a great degree of detailed knowledge of the circumstances as to how came into possession of these aircraft.

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2. When finally accepted by the appropriate Washington officials, I recommend a cable in verbatim detail be sent to all of our stations involved as well as to the military commanders, with a run down of who will say what and under what circumstances. Lockheed and should also be given the same information.

SIGNED

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Chief, Operations Branch, DPD-DD/P

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